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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

(a) Statement by the outgoing President of the Executive Board

(b) Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2009

The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations Member States. In accordance with the rotation scheme established by the Executive Board in its decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), the 2009 President will be nominated from among the Group of African States that are members of the Executive Board.

(c) Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
For action [*E/ICEF/2009/1*]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board based on the 2009 programme of work adopted by the Executive Board in the 2008 second regular session. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

3. Annual report to the Economic and Social Council
For action [*E/ICEF/2009/3*]; *for information* [*E/ICEF/2009/6*]

This report annually complies with General Assembly resolution 59/250 of 2004 on the triennial comprehensive policy review (TCPR) of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and is in accordance with the request from Member States, and with recommendations of General Assembly resolution 62/208 of 2007 on the TCPR, for greater harmonization and coordination. The report provides information about the direction UNICEF is taking to work in closer partnership with other members of the United Nations system to ensure that development assistance produces sustainable results for children. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009.

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will also consider a note by the secretariat on recent reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) that are of relevance to UNICEF.

4. Follow-up to the evaluation of gender policy implementation
For discussion [*E/ICEF/2009/4*]

UNICEF commissioned a global evaluation of its gender policy in March 2007. The report was made available in March 2008. The Executive Board received in the 2008 annual session a conference room paper summarizing the key findings and proposed follow-up action. The Executive Board in its decision 2008/10 requested UNICEF to present to the 2009 first regular session a management response to all recommendations of the evaluation of gender policy implementation in UNICEF, including actions and timeframes for completion. The report also includes a tracking and monitoring framework developed to measure progress in implementation.

5. Accountability system of UNICEF
For action [*E/ICEF/2009/8*]

The current UNICEF Accountability System is based on the 1998 Executive Board document entitled "*The Organization of the United Nations Children's Fund*" (E/ICEF/Organization/Rev.3). The accountability system presented in this document outlines the ongoing strategic organizational improvement efforts that serve to strengthen UNICEF capacity to achieve results for children and women and highlights the dynamism required to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex development and humanitarian setting, a changing aid environment and a commitment to greater harmonization and coherence across the United Nations system.

6. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Approval of revised country programme documents discussed at the second regular session of 2008
For action

At the second regular session of 2008, the Executive Board discussed six draft CPDs for full programme cycles (Angola, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Timor-Leste). The comments made were shared with the respective country offices and the draft country programme documents were revised as appropriate. The revised country programme documents were posted on the UNICEF website within six weeks after the session. The Executive Board will approve the country programme documents on a no-objection basis unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing that they wish to bring a particular country programme to the Executive Board for further discussion.

(b) Recommendation for approval of additional regular resources for approved country programmes
For action [*E/ICEF/2009/P/L.1*]

As a result of the application of the modified system for allocation of regular resources, including the Executive Board's decision 2008/15 to increase the minimum annual level of regular resource allocations and as a function of the estimated global regular resources available for programmes in 2009, the regular resources planning levels for 30 countries listed in the table are higher than the regular resources levels originally approved by the Executive Board. The Executive Board is being requested to approve the additional regular resources to allow uninterrupted implementation of the country programmes previously approved.

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

7. UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and the report of the Board of Auditors
For discussion [*A/63/5/Add.2 and A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1*]

The UNICEF audited financial statements are presented to the Executive Board for discussion every two years, at the same time as they are submitted to the United Nations Board of Auditors and to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly. The report is presented at the first regular session so that the Executive Board may take into account any comments made by the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.[1]

8. Private Fundraising: 2009 work plan and proposed budget
For action [*E/ICEF/2009/AB/L.1*]

The report covers the work plan and proposed budget for 2009 for private fundraising activities. The document includes draft decisions submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

9. Pledging event

As part of the UNICEF resource mobilization strategy (decision 1999/8), during the pledging event, which is held at the first regular session each year, Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular resources for 2009, together with firm or indicative commitments for future years.

Other matters and closing of the session

10. Update on key organizational improvement initiatives
For discussion [*E/ICEF/2009/CRP.3*]

Following the Executive Board decision 2008/11, the Executive Board will receive an update on key organizational improvement initiatives.

11. Other matters

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds appropriate under this agenda item.

12. Adoption of draft decisions

13. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

[1] The Fifth Committee of the 63rd General Assembly considered the report on 17 October 2008.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2009 first regular session of UNICEF Executive Board 4-6 February 2009*

Wednesday 4 February	a.m. 10:00-1:00	*Item 1*	Opening of the session: (a) Statement by outgoing President of the Executive Board (b) Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board for 2009 (c) Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 3	Annual report to the Economic and Social Council
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	*Item 4*	Follow-up to the evaluation of gender policy implementation
		Item 5	Accountability system of UNICEF
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 5 February	a.m. 10:00-1:00	*Item 6*	UNICEF programme cooperation (a) Approval of revised country programme documents discussed at the 2008 second regular session (b) Recommendation for approval of additional regular resources for approved country programmes
		Item 7	UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 and report of the Board of Auditors
		Item 8	Private Fundraising: 2009 work plan and proposed budget

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

	p.m. 3:00-5:00	*Item 9*	Pledging event
		Item 10	Update on key organizational improvement initiatives
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Friday 6 February	a.m. 10:00-1:00	*Item 1*	Other matters
		Item 12	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 13	Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President